

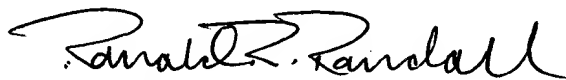
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Enclosed for filing is the specification containing a description pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.71 and at least one claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.75. Also enclosed are two (2) sets of informal drawings and Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. This application is being deposited with the United States Postal Services as Express Mail bearing Receipt No. EG418363531US in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 18, 1997, for next day delivery. Accordingly, it is requested that the captioned application be accorded a filing date of November 18, 1997.

Further, please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-0330 in the amount of \$790.00 for payment of the filing fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0330. If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (713) 749-5830.

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